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*President*: Mr. Percaya (Vice-President) ..... (Indonesia)

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*In the absence of Mr. Koterec (Slovakia), Mr. Percaya (Indonesia), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

*The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.*

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters** (*continued*) (E/2012/L.39)

*Draft resolution E/2012/L.39: Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission*

1. **The President** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications and recalled that it had been circulated on the morning preceding the meeting. He took it that the Council wished to waive rule 54 of the rules of procedure in order not to delay its adoption.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. *Draft resolution E/2012/L.39 was adopted.*

*Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (*continued*)

*Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission*

4. **The President** invited the Council to elect, in accordance with the resolution just adopted and pursuant to Council resolution 2008/38, seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2013. Tunisia had been endorsed by the African States, Indonesia and Nepal by the Asia-Pacific States, Bulgaria by the Eastern European States and Denmark by the Western European and other States. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each of them, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **The President** recalled that only members of the Council could be elected to serve on the Organizational Committee. Since Denmark and Bulgaria would cease to be Council members at the end of 2013, the Council would need to hold elections from among the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States in 2013.

*Commission for Social Development*

7. **The President** noted that the Western European and other States had endorsed the candidacy of Austria to fill one of the remaining seats on the Commission for Social Development from among them. He took it that the Council wished to elect Austria by acclamation for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2015.

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Commission for Social Development of one member from among the Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013; one member from among the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2016; and one member from among the Asia-Pacific States, one member from among the Eastern European States and three members from among the Western European and other States for four-year terms beginning with the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fifty-fifth session in 2017.

10. *It was so decided.*

*Commission on Science and Technology for Development*

11. **The President** noted that the Western European and other States had endorsed Germany to fill the remaining vacancy from among them on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. He took it that the Council wished to elect Germany by acclamation for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development of one member from among the Asia-Pacific States and one member from among the Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

14. *It was so decided.*

*Executive Board of the World Food Programme*

15. **The President** noted that the Asia-Pacific States had endorsed the candidacy of India to fill the remaining List B vacancy on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme. He took it that the Council wished to elect India by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

16. *It was so decided.*

*Committee for the United Nations Population Award*

17. **The President** noted that Côte d'Ivoire had presented its candidacy to fill one of the three outstanding vacancies from among the African States on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for African States. In the absence of other nominations, he took it that the Council wished to elect Côte d'Ivoire by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

18. *It was so decided.*

19. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for African States of two members from among the African States and two members from among the Asia-Pacific States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

20. *It was so decided.*

*Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme*

21. **The President** noted that the Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidacies of Colombia and El Salvador to fill the two outstanding vacancies from among them on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT). Similarly, the Western European and other States had endorsed the candidacy of Spain to fill one of the outstanding vacancies from among them on the Governing Council. In the absence of other nominations, he took it that the Council wished to elect Colombia, El Salvador and Spain by acclamation for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

22. *It was so decided.*

23. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Governing Council of UN-HABITAT of two members from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012; two members from among the Eastern European States and one member from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015; and two members from among the Eastern European States and four members from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

24. *It was so decided.*

**Economic and environmental questions** (*continued*)

**(j) Cartography** (*continued*) (E/CONF.101/144)

25. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to take note of the report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/CONF.101/144).

26. *It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.*